

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The November 26, 2013, Regular Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Tom Williams at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall.

Councilmembers present: Cudaback, Goering, Gamble, Hanford, Kamp, and Williams. Student Representative Vasatka was also in attendance.

Staff members present: Brazel, Feilberg, Martinson, Popelka, Sax, Roberts, Quenzer, Farrell, Warthan, and City Attorney Eick.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by attendees.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

The following person spoke on behalf of Communities of Color Coalition (C3) regarding the Pacific Science Center exhibit "RACE: Are We So Different"; the Race and Social Justice Initiative (RSJI); and the 2014 Racial Equity State Legislative Agenda: Ms. Kinuko Noborikawa.

The following person spoke regarding Monroe Public Schools "Portable" Inventory; 2013-14 Modular Classroom Utilization; and Mitigation Fee Discount to Portable Classroom Cot Comparison: John Mannix, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, Monroe Public Schools.

The following person spoke regarding School Impact Fees Countywide Comparison: Nancy Truitt Pierce, Monroe Public Schools, School Board Member.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Ms. Karen Vasatka, Student Representative to Council, reported on the following topics: the beginning of winter sports season; and recognition of outstanding Monroe High School students.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes: November 19, 2013, Regular Business Meeting

Councilmember Goering moved to approve the Consent Agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,
Motion carried (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

1. Council Direction Regarding Water Rate Study

Mr. Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director, presented information regarding the forthcoming water rate study, currently scheduled for late 2014; and the public request

received regarding the method of billing multi-family buildings. Discussion ensued regarding scheduling of the study; advantages/disadvantages to conducting the study earlier than scheduled; the ordinance recently passed regarding utility rates for low-income senior citizens and owned or operated by nonprofit entities; public comments received regarding water rates; and water rate policy.

Councilmember Hanford moved to conduct the utility rate study as scheduled, as part of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan update, including cost of service and rate structure analysis; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

2. Discussion: Funding Street Maintenance

Mr. Feilberg presented information on street maintenance costs, options for funding, and staff's recommendation to schedule a Council retreat in January 2014 to address funding structure of street maintenance. Discussion ensued regarding timing of the retreat; Council stated their support for a retreat in January 2014, or within the first quarter of 2014.

3. Review 2013 Comprehensive Plan / Parks and School Mitigation Fees Amendments

Mr. Paul Popelka, Planning and Permitting Director, presented information on the 2013 Comprehensive Plan – Parks and School Mitigation Fees Amendments; including amendments to the Capital Facilities Element of the 2005-2025 Monroe Comprehensive Plan and Monroe Municipal Code 20.07, School Impact Mitigation Fee Program. Mr. Popelka provided the schedule for review and adoption of the 2013 amendments. Mr. Mike Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director, reported on Park Impact Fees amendments to be addressed within the next 18 months.

Discussion ensued regarding scheduling of the Parks amendments; school impact mitigation fees/program; growth management; and affordable housing.

City Administrator Brazel reported that the Monroe School Board has invited the Monroe City Council to discuss topics of mutual interest at their workshop/study session on Monday, January 27, 2013.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Property Negotiations – RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) (20 minutes)

Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that the Council would recess into Executive Session at this time to address Property Negotiations for approximately 20 minutes. Attorney Eick read the appropriate citation into the record [RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)].

The Mayor and Members of the Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

4. Confirm Mayor's Appointment of CPA2012-C 2015 Comprehensive Plan Citizen Advisory Committee

Mr. Popelka provided information on the CPA2012-C 2015 Comprehensive Plan Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC); recommended appointments thereto; and upcoming meeting schedule.

Councilmember Kamp moved to approve appointments to the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update Citizens Advisory Committee as recommended by Staff; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Goering.

Discussion ensued regarding formation of the committee, solicitation of committee candidates, and community involvement (community visioning workshops, planning capsules, etc.).

On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Goering recognized new Eagle Scout – Wyatt Smith, Troop No. 38.

Councilmember Cudaback reported on the Police and Fire Appreciation Week and corresponding luncheon held the previous week; and a proposal for City events honoring Police/Fire Appreciation and Veteran's Day in 2014.

Councilmember Kamp reported on the Police and Fire Appreciation Week and corresponding luncheon held the previous week; and the 'Light Up Monroe' event Saturday, November 30, 2013.

Councilmember Gamble wished all a happy Thanksgiving; and commented on Police and Fire Appreciation Week.

Councilmember Hanford commented on the Police and Fire Appreciation Week; 'Light Up Monroe'; and wished all a happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Williams commented on 'Light Up Monroe'; and wished all a happy Thanksgiving.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Popelka reported on the Community Visioning Workshop; the East Monroe FEIS Appeal; and removal of the December 3, 2013, agenda item regarding review of Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

Police Chief Tim Quenzer reported on the Citizens Academy Graduation; the hiring of two new 'officers' to be sent to the Police Academy in early 2014; and the Police and Fire Appreciation Week luncheon.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Administrator Brazel recognized the Public Works Department, and the award of two grants from the Transportation Improvement Board.

1. Draft Agenda/December 3, 2013

City Administrator Brazel presented the draft agenda for December 3, 2013; including the removal of the item regarding review of Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

Discussion ensued regarding the Comprehensive Plan Amendments adoption schedule.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Review the Performance of a Public Employee – RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) (10 minutes)

Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that the Council would recess into Executive Session at this time to address Review the Performance of a Public Employee for approximately 10 minutes. Attorney Eick read the appropriate citations into the record [RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) and RCW 42.30.144].

The Mayor and Members of the Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

Mr. Brazel reported on the upcoming 'Swearing In' ceremony for the incoming Mayor and Councilmembers; proposed for December 17, 2013. Discussion ensued regarding scheduling of the official 'Swearing In' ceremony on January 7, 2014; and providing for the swearing in of the Mayor prior to that date by the City Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

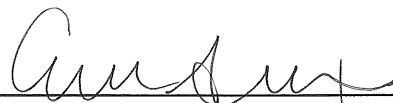
There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Kamp and seconded by Councilmember Hanford to adjourn the meeting. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:25 p.m.



Tom Williams, Mayor Pro Tem



Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of December 3, 2013.